

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that Ms. Elizabeth Monsma of Shafter, California will serve as his Congressional Page for part of the second session of the 110th Congress. Monsma is the daughter of Kevin and Deborah Monsma, and is a junior at Shafter High School. She will be working for the House of Representatives from January 27th, 2008 and will end her semester on June 6th, 2008.

“The House Page Program is the best way young men and women can truly learn the inner workings of Congress,” said Costa. “Pages do everything from monitoring votes for Members, preparing the House for daily business, to running messages between the House and Senate Chamber. I am positive Elizabeth will learn and grow while she is working here in Washington.”

Pages are students in their junior year of high school who are hired to serve as support staff for the United States House of Representatives. All Pages must be sponsored by a Member of Congress, and meet a variety of academic requirements before serving as a Page. During the academic year, Pages are required to attend Page school in addition to their responsibilities on the House floor. They live in a secured Page Residence Hall and receive a monthly salary.

For more information about the House Page Program, please visit <http://pageprogram.house.gov/factsheet.pdf>.